

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.*

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A negative electrode for a battery, the negative electrode comprising:  
a collector;  
an active material layer provided on the collector, the active material layer including at least one kind of matter in a group consisting of an elementary substance of tin, an elementary substance of silicon, an alloy including at least one of tin and silicon, and a compound including at least one of tin and silicon; and  
an inorganic compound layer provided on the active material layer, the inorganic compound layer having a chemical composition expressed by general formula (1) described below, and having lithium ion conductivity.  
$$\text{Li}_x\text{PT}_y\text{O}_z \cdots (1)$$
  
wherein component T is at least one kind of element selected from an element group consisting of element symbols Ti, Cu, Zr, Mo, Ta, and W, and additionally x, y, and z satisfy  $2.0 \leq x \leq 7.0$ ,  $0.01 \leq y \leq 1.0$ , and  $3.5 \leq z \leq 8.0$ , respectively.
2. (Original) The negative electrode for a battery according to claim 1, wherein x, y, and z satisfy  $2.0 \leq x \leq 3.0$ ,  $0.01 \leq y \leq 0.50$ , and  $3.5 \leq z \leq 4.0$ , respectively, in the general formula (1).
3. (Original) The negative electrode for a battery according to claim 1, wherein x, y, and z satisfy  $2.0 \leq x \leq 3.0$ ,  $0.01 \leq y \leq 1.0$ , and  $3.5 \leq z \leq 7.0$ , respectively, in the general formula (1).
4. (Previously Presented) The negative electrode for a battery according to claim 1, wherein the active material layer includes lithium in a charged state.

5. (Original) The negative electrode for a battery according to claim 1, wherein the active material layer includes metal and the metal is alloyed with the collector at a part of an interface with the collector.

6-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Original) A battery comprising:  
a negative electrode including:

a collector;

an active material layer provided on the collector, the active material layer including at least one kind of matter in a group consisting of an elementary substance of tin, an elementary substance of silicon, an alloy including at least one of tin and silicon, and a compound including at least one of tin and silicon;

an inorganic compound layer provided on the active material layer, the inorganic compound layer having a chemical composition expressed by general formula (1) described below, and having lithium ion conductivity;

electrolyte conducting lithium ions; and

a positive electrode reversibly storing and releasing lithium ions.

$\text{Li}_x\text{PT}_y\text{O}_z$  ... (1)

wherein component T is at least one kind of element selected from an element group consisting of element symbols Ti, Cu, Zr, Mo, Ta, and W, and additionally x, y, and z satisfy  $2.0 \leq x \leq 7.0$ ,  $0.01 \leq y \leq 1.0$ , and  $3.5 \leq z \leq 8.0$ , respectively.

10. (Cancelled).